

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

S-E-C-R-E-T

COUNTRY	USSR (Arctic)	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Ship Sightings in Barents Sea	DATE DISTR.	17 March 1955
		NO. OF PAGES	4 25X1
DATE OF INFO.		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD 25X1
PLACE ACQUIRED		REFERENCES	
DATE ACQUIRED	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. [redacted] two naval vessels of the same type. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were seen about six miles off Cape Tsyp Navolok (N 69-42, E 33-08). They came out of the northwest at low speed, 25X1
separated from each other by an interval of 1,200 to 1,800 feet. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] They were 250 to 300 feet long, with
a break from the forecandle just aft of the bridge, and two slanting stacks 25X1
with black smoke cowls. A slanting tripod mast was located between the bridge
and the forward stack, and a small signal mast was on
the forward side of the after mast. There was a double gun turret on the 25X1
foredeck, or possibly one turret on the foredeck and one between the stacks.
In addition, there was a double gun turret on the afterdeck. Between the 25X1
stacks was a structure containing two double antiaircraft guns, and also a
mount fore and aft of the after gun turret, each with a double-barreled 25X1
antiaircraft gun. The main gun was swung out to starboard, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] No torpedo tubes were seen. There was
a large box-shaped object aft of the bridge, and considerable equipment 25X1
on the foremast, but no radar antenna. [redacted] (see
sketch No. 1 on page 3). 25X1
2. About one hour before these vessels were seen, an aircraft came from the 25X1
northwest, flying at high speed. [redacted] a speck and a
single vapor trail. 25X1
3. [redacted] cruiser [redacted] was observed at N 69-40, 25X1
E 34-05, proceeding north-northwest. At 1010 hours it changed course toward
the north in order to swerve away from [redacted] ship. Later the following 25X1
changes of course took place: at 1015 north-northeast, at 1030 east-south-
east, at 1035 hours toward the south. The cruiser maintained an even speed
of 15 to 20 knots at all time. 25X1
[redacted] There were two stacks, with a mast on the forward
side of each stack, and two triple gun turrets on the afterdeck. The ship
was built out to the sides at midships, with a step offset fore and aft,
and a break from the foredeck to the afterdeck aft of the after stack. It
flew no national flag, and had no signals hoisted (see sketch No. 2 on page
4). It was [redacted] the same ship had been seen far out 25X1
to sea earlier in the day. 25X1

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC				
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#")

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

S E C R E T

- 2 -

4. [redacted] ship passed, at a great distance, naval vessel [redacted] It was about 250 feet long, with a mast on the afterside of the bridge, one stack, a break from the forecastle far aft, and no guns on the afterdeck. There was an international flag "L" on the mast (see sketch No. 3 on page 4).

25X1

25X1

5. [redacted] two submarines had been seen proceeding eastward toward Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21). They were said to be of an older type, without guns.

25X1

25X1

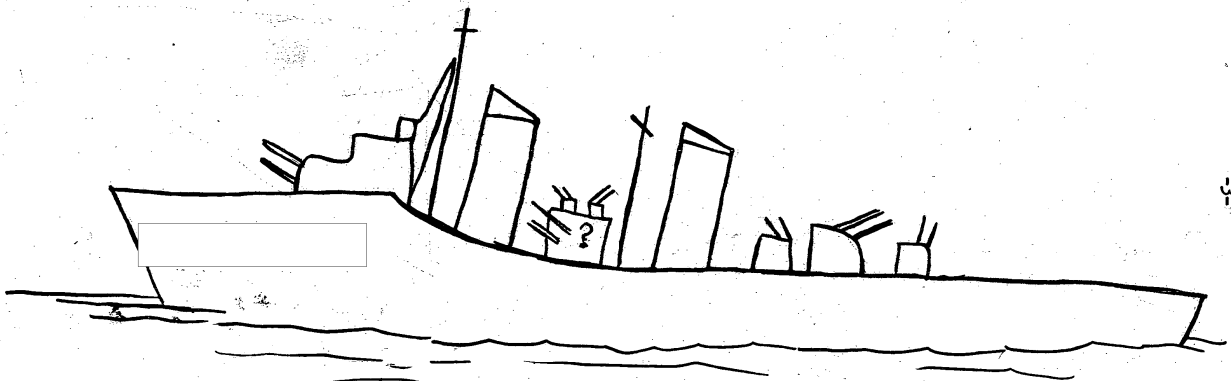
S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

SKETCH NO. 1:
SKETCH OF NAVAL VESSEL

25X1

S-E-C-R-E-T



25X1

25X1

-3-

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

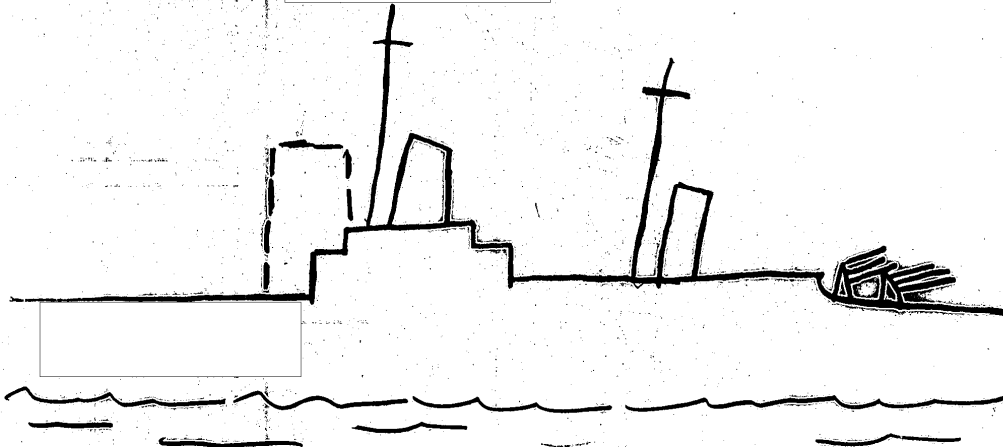
~~SECRET~~

25X1

-4-

Sketch No. 2:
Sketch of Cruiser

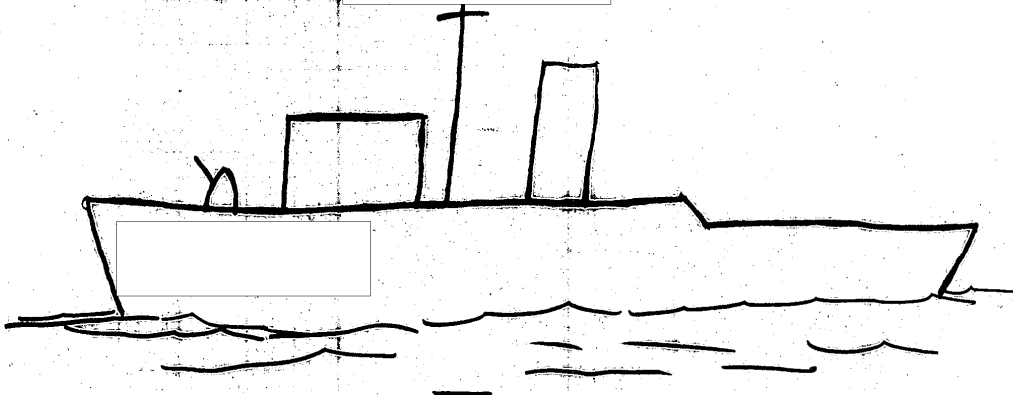
25X1



25X1

Sketch No. 3:
Sketch of Vessel

25X1



25X1

~~SECRET~~

25X1